AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows :

Please delete the following paragraph at page 1, starting at line 2:

~~This application is a continuation application of US Serial No. 09/678,303 filed on October 3, 2000~~.

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, starting at line 30, with the following replacement paragraph:

The cassettes for expression analysis using the GUS reporter gene were assembled as follows. A promoterless GUS cassette was digested from PBI101 with HindIII and EcoRI, and was inserted into the HindIII and ECORI sites of the pUC19 polycloning site. The resulting plasmid was named pBI201 and was used for further constructs. ~~Various~~ SEQ ID NO:2 and SEQ ID NO:3, two and deletion fragments of ~~pGPlas3 2~~ SEQ ID NO:1, were operably ~~transcriptionally and transitionally~~ fused at the 5'terminus of the GUS reporter gene in pBI201 by PCR ligation, and ~~these~~ resulting constructs were used for transitory expression studies using DNA bombardment. ~~Upon identification of the adequate deletion fragment, it was~~ or subcloned into a binary plant expression vector such as pBI101 (Clonetech). These recombinant plasmids were used for stable integration through *A. tumefaciens* infection as described below.